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SUBJECT: IAGS: DEVELOPMENTS IN NOVOA CASE

REF: STATE 154463

1. DOJ LAWYER TORRES REPORTED TO POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON AUGUST 13 THAT HE BELIEVES HE HAS FOUND A WAY TO BREAK IMPASSE THAT HAD DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCERNING THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE THAT WILL AUTHORIZE TORRESIZO REPRESENT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

2. ON JUNE 19 THE LEGAL SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA RETURNED THE DRAFT DECREE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH A REQUEST THAT CERTAIN CHANGES BE MADE. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHEN CONSULTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. ON JULY 19 THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE MADE KNOWN ITS VIEWS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH DID NOT AGREE AND MADE NEW OBSERVATIONS TO THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. ON AUGUST 6 THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE REPLIED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TAKING EXCEPTION TO THE LATTER'S VIEWS.

3. IN AN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE IMPASSON TORRES HAS DRAFTED A NEW DECREE WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF BOTH THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND IN ADDITION COMPLIES WITH THE REQUEST MADE BY THE PRESIDENT'S LEGAL SECRETARY.

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TORRES PLANS TO SHOW THE DRAFT TO BOTH MINISTRIES AND PRIOR

TO FINAL TYPING WILL INCORPORATE ANY CHANGES THEY MAY WISH TO MAKE.

4. TORRES TOLD US THAT HE HAS CORRESPONDED IN SOME DETAIL WITH
RISTAU AT DOJ ON THESE MATTERS.

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